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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

IN THE MATTER OF:

SITCUM WATERWAY OF THE COMMENCEMENT BAY NEARSHORE/TIDEFLATS SUPERFUND SITE

PORT OF TACOMA,

## RESPONDENT

Proceeding Under Sections 104, 122(a), and 122(d)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act as amended, 42 U.S.C §§ 9604, 9622(a), 9622(d)(3)).

U.S. EPA Docket No. 1091-01-04-122

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT FOR REMEDIAL DESIGN STUDY

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Administrative Order on Consent (Order) is entered into voluntarily by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Port of Tacoma (Respondent). The Order concerns the preparation of, performance of, and reimbursement of oversight costs for a Remedial Design (RD). The RD is to be performed for the Remedial Action (RA) of an operable unit consisting of the Sitcum Waterway problem area (Sitcum or the Site) and other areas of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats (CB/NT) sediments operable unit of the CB/NT Superfund Site.



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## II. JURISDICTION

- 2.. This Order is issued under the authority vested in the President of the United States by Sections 104, 122(a) and 122(d)(3) Comprehensive Environmental of the Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604, 9622(a), 9622(d)(3), which authorizes the President to issue an order setting forth the obligations of the Respondent with respect to a settlement agreement for action under Section 104(b) This authority was delegated to the Administrator of of CERCLA. EPA on January 23, 1987, by Executive Order 12580, 52 Fed. Reg. 2926 (1987); further delegated to the EPA Regional Administrators on September 13, 1987, by EPA Delegation No. 14-14-C; redelegated by the Regional Administrator to EPA Region 10 Superfund Branch Chief on September 27, 1990.
- 3. Respondent agrees to undertake all activities required by the terms and conditions of this Order. In any action by EPA or the United States to enforce the terms of this Order, Respondent consents to, and agrees not to contest, the authority or jurisdiction of EPA, in accordance with the delegations set forth above, to issue or enforce this Order, and agrees not to contest the validity of this Order or its terms.

#### III. PARTIES BOUND

4. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon EPA and Respondent, its agents, successors, assigns, commission, principals, and employees. Where this Order creates duties upon

Respondent, any directory language, including the words "will," or "shall", when used in reference to any action to be taken by EPA, is intended only, and shall be interpreted, as condition(s) precedent to Respondent's duty(s), and not as any duty of EPA to act, or to act within a specified time period. The signatory to this Order on Respondent's behalf certifies that he or she is authorized to execute and legally bind Respondent to this Order. No change in ownership, business organization, or other status of Respondent, or of the facility, shall alter Respondent's duties under this Order.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to any subsequent owners or successors in interest before any ownership rights in the Site are transferred. Respondent shall notify EPA at least thirty (30) days prior to any such transfer. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to all contractors, subcontractors, laboratories, and consultants retained to perform any work under this Order, within fourteen (14) days after the effective date of this Order, or the date such services are retained, whichever is later, and shall condition all contracts entered into hereunder to performance of the work in conformity with the terms of this Order. Any reference herein to the Order mean .the Order, any Appendix thereto, modifications as provided by the terms of the Order as may be added hereafter, and any work plans, reports, plans, specifications, schedules, and appendices required by this Order which, upon approval of EPA, shall be incorporated into and enforceable under

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the Order. Notwithstanding the terms of any contract, Respondent is responsible for compliance with this Order and for ensuring that its subsidiaries, employees, contractors, consultants, subcontractors, agents and attorneys comply with this Order.

#### IV. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- In entering into this Order, the objectives of EPA and 6. (a) to design the remedial action for the Sitcum Respondent are: consistent with the Record of Decision of the CB/NT Sediments Operable Unit that was issued by EPA on September 29, 1989 (the ROD), and perform any analyses and studies needed by EPA to approve the design of the remedy in phases for attaining Sediment Cleanup Objectives identified in the ROD.; (b) to collect and present information needed by the federal, tribal, and state natural resource trustees (the Trustees) to aid the Trustees' determination of injury to natural resources and the assessment of natural resource damages within the Sitcum, Blair and Milwaukee Waterways; (c) to facilitate implementation of the Puyallup Settlement Agreement; and (d) provide for recovery by EPA of its response and oversight costs incurred with respect to the implementation of this Order.
- 7. The activities required by this Order are subject to approval by EPA and shall provide all necessary and appropriate information for the RD, consistent with the Record of Decision for the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats (CB/NT) sediments operable unit of the CB/NT Superfund Site issued by EPA on September 29,

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1989, and in accordance with the requirements of CERCLA, as amended, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 C.F.R. Part 300, as amended. The activities conducted pursuant to this Order shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable EPA guidances, policies, and procedures.

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## V. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 8. The Sitcum, Blair, and Milwuakee Waterways are within the boundaries of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats (CB/NT) Superfund Site. The CB/NT Superfund Site is located in Tacoma, Washington, at the southern end of the main basin of Puget Sound. Sitcum is one of eight problem areas that together have been designed as Operable Unit One (OU 01) of the CB/NT Superfund Site, which addresses cleanup of 10-12 square miles of shallow water shoreline located in the industrial tideflats area of the active commercial seaport of the City of Tacoma. The marine boundaries of this OU 01 are limited to the shoreline, intertidal areas, bottom sediments, and water of depths less than 60 feet below mean low water.
- 9. On September 8, 1983, EPA placed the CB/NT Site on the National Priorities List pursuant to Section 105 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9605.
- 10. Under a Cooperative Agreement with EPA, the Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) conducted a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) of the CB/NT Site. Within the

Tideflats area of the CB/NT Site, the RI/FS evaluated the nature and extent of contamination in the Sitcum, Blair, Milwaukee, Hylebos, St. Paul, Middle, City, and Wheeler-Osgood Waterways. The final RI/FS was made available to the public in February 1989. The contaminants of greatest concern detected in the Sitcum sediments were the metals arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc, and also polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, an alkylated benzene isomer, a diterpeniod hydrocarbon, and N-nitrosodiphenylamine, which are known to be toxic to marine life. Arsenic, copper, lead, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and N-nitrosodiphenylamine are designated as hazardous substances under Sec. 102(a) of CERCLA, as reported at 40 CFR Part 302.2.

- 11. Spilled materials from ore loading and transfer operations, runoff from the ore loading facilities at Terminal 7, and discharges from storm drains, including those owned and operated by the City of Tacoma, were identified as among the potential sources of the contaminants in the Sitcum sediments. Respondent's Terminal 7 occupies the north waterfront of Sitcum Waterway, with facilities for container handling and bulk unloading of alumina, lead, copper, and zinc.
- 12. The RI/FS evaluated contaminants detected at the CB/NT site to identify problem chemicals that pose the greatest environmental risk. The technical approach was to establish cause-and-effect information relating specific chemicals to biological effects in various aquatic organism and to quantifiable human health risks. Problem chemicals were defined as those chemicals

whose concentration exceeded the apparent effects threshold (AET) in a particular problem area in sufficient quantities to restrict biological productivity. The AET was defined as the contaminant concentration above which toxicity or benthic effects are always observed. At the Sitcum Waterway, arsenic and copper were detected at levels exceeding the AET developed during the RI/FS. The cleanup goal for copper was set by the AET value derived for oyster larva abnormality bioassay, and the cleanup goal for arsenic was set by the AET value derived from affects on benthic infaunal abundance.

- 13. On September 29, 1989, EPA issued a Record of Decision (ROD) that selected the remedy for remediation of sediments and sources of contamination in eight problem areas of the Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats (CB/NT) Sediments Operable Unit One of the CB/NT Superfund Site, including the Sitcum Waterway. In the ROD, EPA determined that there are five major elements of the selected remedy for the Site sediments and sources that will be applied, as appropriate, to each Problem Area:
- a. <u>Site Use Restrictions</u> To protect human health by limiting access to edible resources prior to and during implementation of source and sediment remedial activities.
- b. <u>Source Controls</u> To be implemented to prevent recontamination of sediments.
- c. <u>Natural Recovery</u> Included as an optional (and preferred) remediation strategy for marginally contaminated sediments that are predicted to achieve acceptable sediment quality

through burial and mixing with naturally accumulating clean sediments within a ten year period.

- d. Sediment Remedial Action To address sediments containing contamination that is not expected to naturally recover within ten years following implementation of all known, available, and reasonable source control measures. For those areas in which contaminant natural recovery will not sufficiently reduce concentrations within the next ten years, the ROD required active sediment cleanup using one of the following four technologies: inplace capping, dredging and confined aquatic disposal, dredging and nearshore disposal, or dredging and upland disposal. The ROD expressed EPA's preference to utilize nearshore disposal in conjunction with existing commercial development projects, and to minimize unnecessary impact to nearshore habitat, consistent with the provisions of the Clean Water Act. The disposal option is to be identified during design of the remedial action.
- e. <u>Source and Sediment Monitoring</u> To refine cleanup volume estimates, characterize the effectiveness of source controls, and implement long-term monitoring of the sediment remedial actions(s) to ensure long-term protectiveness of the remedy.
- 14. Based on an evaluation of biological effects during the RI/FS, the ROD established sediment cleanup objectives at the AET value for specific chemicals, as set forth in Table 5 of the ROD, and in Table 1 of the attached Statement of Work (SOW). Copper and arsenic, which were among the chemicals detected at Sitcum at

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levels exceeding the AET, were selected as chemical indicators of the most severe environmental contamination associated with biological effects at the Sitcum Waterway. The ROD established the sediment cleanup objectives at 390 (mg/kg dry weight, ppm) for copper and 57 (mg/kg dry weight, ppm) for arsenic, which were the AET values for the respective hazardous substances. The ROD also determined that natural recovery will not sufficiently reduce contaminant concentrations in the Sitcum Waterway within the next ten years, so the ROD required active sediment cleanup with one of the four technology options. Sediments exceeding the long-term cleanup goals for copper and arsenic were found along the entire length of the waterway with especially high concentrations found near the northeast corner and along the northeast embankment. ROD estimates that approximately 167,000 cubic yards of sediments in the Sitcum Waterway exhibited chemical concentrations exceeding sediment cleanup objectives for arsenic and copper.

15. Since 1979, Respondent has proposed to fill a portion of the Milwaukee Waterway with dredge material from the Blair Waterway for expansion of an existing marine terminal and to create a fisheries mitigiation project at the mouth of the Milwaukee Waterway. This project was identified in the 1988 Puyallup Land Settlement Agreement, which was incorporated into federal law under the Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989 (P.L. 101-41, 25 U.S.C. 1773). Respondent is the owner of certain subaquatic land (i.e., marine sediments) within the Milwaukee and Blair Waterways.

16. Respondent is the owner of certain subaquatic land (i.e., marine sediments) within Sitcum Waterway and certain upland directly adjacent to the Sitcum Waterway, where certain facilities suspected of releasing hazardous substances into the waterway are located.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DETERMINATIONS

- 17. The Site is a "facility" as defined in Section 101(9) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(9).
- 18. Substances and constituents thereof at the Site, and substances otherwise found at the Site and identified in paragraphs 10, 12, and 14 above, are "hazardous substance(s)" as defined in Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14), or constitute "pollutant(s) or contaminant(s)" which may present an imminent and substantial danger to public health or welfare or the environment, as set forth in Section 104(a)(1) of CERCLA.
- 19. The presence of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants at the Site, or the past, present or potential migration of hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants at or emanating from the Site, constitute an actual and/or threatened "release" as defined in Section 101(22) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(22).
- 20. Respondent is a "person" as defined in Section 101(21) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(21)
- 21. Respondent is a "responsible party" under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), and a "potentially responsible party" within the meaning of Sections 104(a) and 122(d)(3) of

CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(a) and 9622(d)(3).

22. The actions required by this Order are necessary to protect the public health or welfare or the environment, are in the public interest, are not inconsistent with CERCLA or the NCP, and will expedite effective remedial action and minimize litigation. The RD will be conducted properly by the Respondent, in accordance with Section 122(a) of CERCLA provided that those actions are conducted as described in Appendix I (the RD Statement of Work) and modifications thereto, and pursuant to all conditions of the Order.

#### VII. NOTICE TO STATE

23. By providing a copy of this Order to the State of Washington through its Department of Ecology (Ecology), EPA is notifying the State of Washington that this Order is being issued and that EPA is the lead agency for coordinating, overseeing, and enforcing the response action required by the Order.

#### VIII. WORK TO BE PERFORMED

24. All work performed pursuant to this Order shall be under the direction and supervision of qualified persons. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Order, and before any work under this Order begins at the Site, Respondent shall submit in writing the names, titles, addresses, and qualifications of all personnel, including contractors, subcontractors, laboratories, and consultants to be used in performing activities pursuant to this Order to EPA. The qualifications of the persons undertaking

the work for Respondent shall be subject to EPA's review, for verification that such persons meet minimum technical background and experience requirements. If Respondent elects to use any additional contractors, subcontractors, or laboratories subsequent to commencement of activities at the Site, Respondent shall submit the information listed in this paragraph to EPA in writing at least ten (10) days prior to any such use. This Order is contingent on Respondent's demonstration to EPA's satisfaction that Respondent is qualified to perform properly and promptly the actions set forth in this Order. If EPA disapproves any of Respondent's contractors, subcontractors, or laboratories, Respondent shall make replacement selection(s) within thirty (30) days of receipt of written disapproval from EPA. If EPA subsequently disapproves of the replacement(s), EPA reserves the right to terminate this Order, conduct a complete RD and/or conduct or authorize any other response activities it deems necessary, and seek costs thereafter and penalties from Respondent.

- 25. The work by the Respondent pursuant to this Order shall be designed to achieve the following standards at the Sitcum Waterway:
- a. Remediate contaminated sediments in the Sitcum Waterway to achieve the performance standards of the ROD, and to achieve the Sediment Cleanup Objectives set forth in Figure 1, and in Section II.B. of the SOW.
- b. For areas requiring active sediment cleanup, evaluate options for in-place capping, dredging and confined = aquatic

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disposal, dredging and nearshore disposal, or dredging and upland Options shall be evaluated according to the nine disposal. evaluation criteria used for detailed analysis of alternatives, as set forth at 40 CFR 300.430(e)(9), and according to Each option shall be considerations established in the ROD. assessed to determine whether it attains applicable or relevant and requirements under federal appropriate substantive environmental laws, including, but not limited to, the following and those listed in the SOW pursuant to this Order:

- i. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 to 1387, including Sections 301, 401 and 404, and the Rivers and Harbors Act, 33 U.S.C. 401 et seq.;
- ii. EPA regulations at 40 CFR Parts 122, 125.120-125,227.22, and 131;
- iii. The Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers,
  33 CFR Parts 320 to 330;
- iv. The Puget Sound Water Quality Act, RCW 90.70, and in particular the Standards for Confined Disposal of Contaminated Sediments, Washington Sediment Management Standards, WAC 173-240, and Confined Disposal Standards;
- v. The Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq., the Washington Shoreline Management Act, RCW 90.58, and the local Shoreline Master Program;
- vi. Puyallup Tribe Water Quality Program (Puyallup Tribal Council Resolution No. 151288C);

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vii. Puyallup Tribe of Indians Settlement Act of 1989, P.L. 101-41, 25 U.S.C.S. 1773;

viii. The Washington Water Pollution Control Act, RCW 90.48;

- ix. The Washington Aquatic Lands Act, RCW 79.90;
- x. The Washington Hydraulics · Act, RCW 75.20;
- xi. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq., and implementing federal regulations, and the Washington Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Act, RCW 70.105, and dangerous waste regulations, WAC 173-303.
- c. Collect and present information on natural resources within the Sitcum, Milwaukee, and Blair waterways which meets the objectives specified in Section IV.C of the SOW, for use by the federal, state, and tribal natural resource trustees to determine whether natural resources within these waterways have been injured by the release of hazardous substances.
- 26. shall conduct activities and submit Respondent deliverables for EPA review, comment, approval or modification as EPA may deem appropriate, as provided in the SOW, which is Appendix I to this Order and is incorporated into, and made an enforceable part of this Order by this reference. All such work shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of CERCLA, the NCP, and all applicable EPA guidance, including, but not limited to, the EPA Superfund Remedial Design and Remedial Action Guidance (RD/RA Guidance), quidances referenced therein, and quidances referenced in the SOW, as may be amended or modified by EPA. The general

activities Respondent shall perform are identified below, including various deliverables to be submitted by Respondent for EPA review and approval. The specific tasks Respondent shall perform are described more fully in the SOW and guidances. All work performed pursuant to this Order shall be in accordance with the schedules, standards, specifications, and other requirements of this Order, the Pre-Remedial Design Work, and the Remedial Design Work Plan and other deliverables, as initially approved or modified by EPA, or as may be amended or modified by EPA from time to time.

Remedial Design Phase 1 Sampling and Analysis Plan (Phase 1 SAP). Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall submit for EPA approval a Phase 1 SAP for remedial design sampling and analysis tasks, a Remedial Design Quality Assurance Plan (QAPP), and a Remedial Design Health and Safety Plan (Health and Safety Plan). The purpose of the Phase 1 SAP is to obtain all information needed to meet the General Program Requirements described in Section IV.A of the SOW, and to meet the data needs described in Section IV.B.1 of the SOW. An additional purpose for development of information under the Phase 1 SAP is to provide data necessary to support the development and evaluation of remedial options and to meet the objectives of the Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report. The Phase 1 SAP may focus on a particular disposal option. However, the Phase 1 SAP shall be supplemented, if EPA determines it necessary, to provide additional data collection and analysis for the evaluation and design of other disposal options. The Phase 1 SAP shall include all elements

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described in Section IV.D.1 of the SOW. The QAPP shall include all elements described in Section IV.D.2 of the SOW, and the Health and Safety Plan shall include all elements described in Section IV.D.3 of the SOW. Following EPA approval, or modification or revision as required by EPA, the Phase 1 SAP, any supplement to the Phase 1 SAP, the QAPP, and the Health and Safety Plan shall be incorporated in, and be an enforceable part of this Order.

Remedial Design Phase 2 Sampling and Analysis Plan (Phase 2 SAP). Within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, the Respondent shall submit for EPA approval a Phase 2 SAP for remedial design sampling and analysis of all areas in the Sitcum Waterway not included in the Phase 1 SAP. The purpose of the Phase 2 SAP is to obtain all information needed to meet the General Program Requirements described in Section IV.A of the SOW, and to meet the data needs described in Section IV.B.2 of the SOW. additional purpose for development of information under the Phase 2 SAP is to provide data necessary to determine the need for remediation, and to support the identification and preliminary evaluation of remedial options, pursuant to Section IV.E.5 of the SOW. The Phase 2 SAP submittal shall include a QAPP, and a Health and Safety Plan that address specific Phase 2 sampling and analysis activities to be undertaken. The Phase 2 SAP, including the QAPP and the Health and Safety Plan, shall include all elements described in Section IV.D.4 of the SOW. Following EPA approval, or modification or revision as required by EPA, the Phase 2 SAP, the QAPP, and the Health and Safety Plan shall be incorporated in,

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and be an enforceable part of this Order.

- Natural Resource Sampling and Analysis Plan (NR SAP). Within 30 days of the effective date of the Order, the Respondent shall submit to EPA and to the Natural Resource Trustees a NR SAP for all areas in the Sitcum, Blair and Milwaukee waterways. NR SAP shall be designed to meet the .objectives specified in Sections IV.C and IV.D.5 of the SOW, and shall be carried out consistent with, and in the manner described in Figures 3 and 4 of The goal of this study is to determine whether or not natural resources in the Sitcum, Blair, and Milwaukee waterways have been injured by the release of hazardous substances. after a reasonable opportunity for review and comment by the Natural Resource Trustees, may approve the use of historical data to meet specific data objectives described in Section IV.C of this The NR SAP submittal shall include a QAPP and a health and SOW. safety plan that address specific natural resource sampling and analysis activities to be undertaken, and shall include all elements described for Phase 1 SAP activities in Sections IV.D.2 (QAPP) and IV.D.3 (Health and safety). Following EPA approval, or modification or revision as required by EPA, after a reasonable opportunity for review and comment by the Natural Resource Trustees, the NR SAP, the QAPP, and the Health and Safety Plan shall be incorporated in, and be an enforceable part of this Order.
- d. Phase 1 Remedial Design Data Report. Within 120 days of EPA's approval of the final Phase 1 SAP, Respondent shall submit to EPA a report on the results of Phase 1 remedial design sampling

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and analysis activities that meets the requirements of Section IV.E.1 of the SOW. To the extent that some results (e.g., those from column leaching tests) are not available within 120 days of approval by EPA of the Phase 1 SAP, the Phase 1 Remedial Design Data Report shall identify all such information and the Respondent shall submit those results as an addendum to the Phase 1 Remedial Design Data Report when they become available.

- e. <u>Phase 2 Remedial Design Data Report</u>. Within 120 days of EPA's approval of the final Phase 2 SAP, Respondent shall submit to EPA a report on the results of Phase 2 sampling and analysis activities that meets the requirements of Section IV.E.2 of the SOW.
- f. Natural Resource Data Report. Within 150 days of EPA's approval of the final NR SAP, Respondent shall submit to EPA and the Natural Resource Trustees a report on the results of the natural resources sampling and analysis activities that meets the requirements of Section IV.E.3 of the SOW. To the extent that some analytical results are not available within 150 days of approval by EPA of the NR SAP, the NR Data Report shall identify all such information and the Respondent shall submit those results as an addendum to the NR Data Report when they become available.
- g. Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report. Within

  30 days after EPA approval of the Phase 1 Remedial Design Data

  Report, Respondent shall submit for EPA approval a Phase 1 Pre
  Remedial Design Evaluation Report. In this draft report,

  Respondent shall develop and evaluate options for Phase 1

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remediation of contaminated sediments within the Sitcum Waterway which meet the key elements of the selected remedy and cleanup objectives set forth in Section II.A and B of the SOW; which meet the General Program Requirements set forth in Section IV.A of the SOW; and which meet the specific elements described in Section IV.E.4 of the SOW. Respondent's evaluation of the various options shall be conducted in accordance with the CERCLA evaluation criteria used in the Commencement Bay feasibility study, shall be consistent with the ROD, and shall also demonstrate compliance with the substantive requirements of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARS). Upon approval by EPA, this report will be published for review during a period for public comment.

Following the period of public comment, EPA may select the remedial option for Phase 1 that was published for comment or require Respondent to modify or revise the Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report or remedial option for Phase 1 prior to EPA approval. Upon approval by EPA, the Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report and the selected remedial option for Phase 1 shall be incorporated in, and be an enforceable part of this Order.

h. Phase 2 Preliminary Evaluation of Remedial Options

Report. Within 30 days of EPA approval of the Phase 2 Remedial

Design Data Report, Respondent shall submit for EPA approval a

Phase 2 Preliminary Evaluation of Remedial Options Report which

meets the key elements of the selected remedy and cleanup

objectives set forth in Section II.A and B of the SOW; which meets the General Program Requirements set forth in Section IV.A of the SOW; and which meets the specific elements described in Section IV.E.5 of the SOW. In this report, Respondent shall identify and perform a preliminary evaluation of remediation options for areas of the Sitcum Waterway not addressed under Phase 1, utilizing the elements of the analysis specified for the Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report. Respondent's preliminary evaluation of the various remedial options shall be conducted in accordance with the CERCLA evaluation criteria used in the Commencement Bay feasibility study, shall be consistent with the ROD, and shall also evaluate compliance with the substantive requirements of ARARS.

- i. Remedial Design Work Plan. Within 14 days of receipt of EPA selection of the remedial option, Respondent shall submit for EPA approval a remedial design work plan that shall specify and describe all tasks to be accomplished to support the design of the remedial action. The remedial design work plan shall describe how Respondent shall comply with the requirements of Sections II.B, III.B and V of the SOW. Following EPA approval, or modification or revision as required by EPA, the Remedial Design Work Plan shall be incorporated in, and be an enforceable part of this Order.
- j. Remedial Design Submittals. Upon approval of the Remedial Design Work Plan, Respondent shall implement the Remedial Design Work Plan. Respondent shall submit all plans, submittals and other deliverables required under Section V of the SOW in accordance with the schedule in Section VII of the SOW. Submittals

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- i. <u>Preliminary Design Documents</u>. In accordance with the schedule in Section VII of the SOW, Respondent shall submit to EPA for approval: (1) the preliminary design documents meeting the requirements specified in Section V.A.1 of the SOW, (2) a draft Construction Quality Assurance Plan meeting the requirements of Section V.B of the SOW, (3) a draft Remedial Action Health and Safety Plan meeting the requirements of Section V.C. of the SOW, and (4) a draft Post-Remedial Action Operations and Maintenance and Monitoring Plan meeting the requirements of Section V.D. of the SOW.
- ii. <u>Draft Final/Final Design Documents</u>. In accordance with the schedule in Section VII of the SOW, Respondent shall submit draft and final design documents as described in Section V.A.2 of the SOW upon completion of approximately 95 percent of the design effort. Respondent will submit final design documents incorporating EPA's comments. Following EPA approval, or modification or revision as required by EPA, the Remedial Design Documents shall be incorporated in, and be an enforceable part of this Order.

27. EPA reserves the right to comment on, modify and direct changes for all deliverables. At EPA's discretion, Respondent shall fully correct all deficiencies and incorporate and integrate all information and comments supplied by EPA either in subsequent or resubmitted deliverables. For each and every deliverable,

report, memorandum, plan, or other item required under this Order, if EPA disapproves or requires modification or revision of any deliverable, report, memorandum, plan, or other item, in whole or in part, Respondent shall submit a modified or revised version thereof to EPA which is responsive to all EPA directions, comments, or requirements within thirty (30) days after receiving such directions, comments or requirements from EPA, unless a shorter or longer time is specified by EPA.

- 28. EPA reserves the right to stop Respondent from proceeding at any time, either temporarily or permanently, on any task(s), activity(s) or deliverable(s) at or relating to the Site and/or the implementation of this Order.
- 29. If Respondent modifies or revises any deliverable, report, plan, or other submittal after receipt of EPA comments, directions, or requirements, and EPA subsequently disapproves the revised submittal, or if subsequent submittals do not, in EPA's judgment, adequately address EPA's comments, directions or requirements for changes, EPA may seek stipulated or statutory penalties; perform its own studies; complete the RD (or any portion of the RD); and/or take any response action at the Site it deems necessary, in accordance with its authority, and seek reimbursement from Respondent for its costs therefor; and/or seek any other appropriate relief.
- 30. In the event EPA takes over or causes others to perform some tasks, but does not remove Respondent's duty to prepare the RD pursuant to this Order, Respondent shall incorporate and

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integrate information supplied by EPA as directed by EPA.

- 31. The absence of express EPA comment, approval or disapproval of any submission within any specified time period shall not be construed as approval by EPA. Respondent is responsible for the timely preparation of deliverables acceptable to EPA.
- Respondent shall, prior to the shipment of hazardous 32. substances from the Site to an out-of-state waste management facility, submit written notification, as set forth below, to the appropriate state environmental official in the receiving state, and to the EPA Project Coordinator. This notification requirement shall not apply when the total volume of such a shipment will not exceed ten (10) cubic yards. Notification shall include: 1) the name and location of the receiving facility; (2) the type and quantity of hazardous substances to be shipped; (3) the expected shipment schedule; and (4) the mode of transportation. Respondent shall submit written notification of any changes in the shipment plan as set forth in the notification. Notification of the selection of the receiving facility and state shall be made at least thirty (30) days before any hazardous substances are actually shipped.

#### IX. MODIFICATION OF THE WORK PLAN

33. If at any time, Respondent identifies a need for additional data, Respondent shall submit a memorandum to the EPA Project Coordinator within twenty (20) days after such need has been identified explaining the need for and the nature of the data

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sought. EPA in its discretion will determine whether the additional data shall be collected by Respondent and whether it shall be incorporated into reports and deliverables.

- In addition to the requirements of Section 103 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9603, and all other statutory or regulatory reporting requirements, Respondent shall immediately notify EPA and Ecology of any conditions at the Site which may pose an immediate threat to human health or welfare or the environment. In the event of unanticipated or changed circumstances at the Site, Respondent shall notify the EPA Project Coordinator by telephone within 24 hours of discovery of the unanticipated or changed circumstances. If, for any reason, the EPA Project Coordinator cannot be reached, Respondent shall as immediately as possible thereafter notify the EPA Region 10 Superfund Branch Chief, or leave detailed messages with both of their respective offices if neither can be reached. In addition to the authorities of the NCP, EPA may modify or amend any work to be performed pursuant to this Order or require additional work if EPA determines that such modification or amendment is warranted by the immediate threat or in response to unanticipated or changed circumstances. Respondent shall perform such modified or additional work.
- 35. EPA may determine that in addition to tasks defined in the SOW and in the approved Remedial Design Work Plan, other additional work may be necessary to accomplish the objectives of the RD as set forth in ROD, this Order, and the SOW. EPA may require Respondent to perform such additional work or other response activity in

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addition to the work initially approved or modified, if EPA determines that such actions are necessary for a complete RD. Respondent shall confirm its willingness to perform any such additional work in writing within seven (7) days after receipt of the EPA request, or properly invoke the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section XVII of this Order. Subject to the resolution of any dispute, Respondent shall implement the additional tasks EPA determines are necessary. The additional work shall be completed according to the standards, specifications, and schedule set forth or approved by EPA. EPA reserves the right to conduct all or part of such work itself, to seek reimbursement of costs from Respondent, and/or to seek any other appropriate relief.

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#### X. QUALITY ASSURANCE

36. Respondent shall assure that all work performed, samples taken and analyses conducted, conform to the requirements of the SOW, the QAPP approved by EPA, and guidances identified therein, and that all field personnel shall be properly trained for each task they may perform and in the use of field equipment, including

strict adherence to EPA chain of custody procedures.

### XI. FINAL REMEDIAL DESIGN

37. EPA retains full authority and responsibility for all aspects of public participation including the release to the public of the Phase 1 Pre-Remedial Design Evaluation Report and the final Remedial Design Reports, as set forth in CERCLA and the NCP. As

requested by EPA, Respondent shall provide information supporting EPA's community relations programs related to the Site, and shall participate in public meetings which may be held or sponsored by EPA to explain activities at or concerning the Site.

- 38. EPA shall provide Respondent with the copies of the final reports, as approved by EPA.
- EPA will determine the contents of the administrative record file for the selection of remedial action. Respondent shall submit documents developed during the course of the RD to EPA upon which approval of the final remedial design may be based. Upon request by EPA, Respondent shall submit copies of plans, task memoranda, including all documentation of field modifications, recommendations for further action, quality assurance memoranda and audits, raw data, field notes, laboratory analytical reports, and other reports to EPA. Respondent shall also submit any previous studies conducted under state, local or other federal authorities relating to response selection, and all communications between Respondent and state, local or other federal authorities concerning EPA shall maintain a community information response selection. repository at or near the Site to house a copy administrative record.

#### XII. PROGRESS REPORTS AND MEETINGS

40. Respondent shall make presentations at, and participate in, meetings and telephone conferences at the request of EPA during the initiation, conduct, and completion of the RD. In addition to

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discussion of the technical aspects of the RD, topics will include anticipated problems or new issues. Meetings and telephone conferences will be scheduled at EPA's discretion.

41. In addition to the deliverables set forth in this Order, until the termination of this Order, Respondent shall provide quarterly progress reports to EPA by the 10th day of each quarter following the effective date of this Order. These progress reports shall: (1) describe the actions which have been taken to comply with this Order during the previous quarter, (2) include all results of sampling and tests and all other data received by the Respondent, (3) describe all work planned for the next quarter with schedules relating such work to the overall project schedule, including percentage of completion data; (4) describe all problems encountered and any anticipated problems, any actual or anticipated delays, and all solutions developed and implemented or planned to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays; and (5) include all other elements specified in Section VI of the SOW.

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## XIII. SAMPLING, ACCESS, AND DATA AVAILABILITY/ADMISSIBILITY

42. All results of sampling, tests, modeling or other data (including all raw data and all laboratory analytical reports) generated by Respondent, or on Respondent's behalf, during implementation of this Order, shall be submitted to EPA in the subsequent quarterly progress report as described in Section XII of this Order. EPA will make available to the Respondent validated data generated by EPA unless it is exempt from disclosure by any

federal or state law or regulation.

- 43. Respondent shall notify EPA at least fourteen (14) days prior to conducting any field events described in the SOW, Remedial Design Work Plan, or any approved sampling and analysis plan. At EPA's verbal or written request, or the request of EPA's Project Coordinator or designee, Respondent shall allow split or duplicate samples to be taken by EPA (and its authorized representatives and designees) and the Natural Resource Trustees of any samples collected by the Respondent in implementing this Order. All of Respondent's split samples shall be analyzed by the methods identified in the QAPP.
- EPA and its designated representatives, representatives of the Natural Resource Trustees, shall have full access to, and authority to freely move about all property at the Site and off-site areas where work is to be carried out pursuant to this Order, for purposes of inspecting conditions, activities in implementing the requirements of this Order, records, operating logs, and contracts related to the Site or Respondent or its contractor pursuant to this Order; reviewing the progress of the Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; conducting tests as EPA or its authorized representatives or designees deem necessary; using a camera, sound recording device or other documentary type equipment; and verifying the data submitted to EPA by the Respondent. The Respondent shall allow these persons to inspect and copy all records, files, photographs, documents, sampling and monitoring data, and other writings\_related

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to work undertaken in carrying out this Order. Copies of all other information or records created, maintained or received Respondent or its agents, employees, accountants, contractors or consultants which is in any way related to the implementation of this Order, including: contractual documents, invoices, receipts, work orders, disposal records, and any other records or documents not previously required herein shall promptly be made available to EPA on request as soon as practicable, but in any event within thirty (30) days of Respondent's receipt of EPA's request. Nothing herein shall be interpreted as limiting or affecting EPA's right of entry or inspection authority under federal law. persons with access to the Site under this paragraph shall comply with all approved health and safety plans, and shall notify Respondent upon entry, to the extent practicable.

45. Respondent may assert a claim of business confidentiality covering part or all of the information submitted to EPA pursuant to this Order in accordance with Section 104(e)(7) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(7), and 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. This claim shall be asserted in the manner described by 40 C.F.R. 2.203(b), and substantiated when made. If no such claim accompanies the information when it is submitted to EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to Respondent. Respondent agrees not to assert any confidentiality claim with respect to any data related to Site conditions, sampling, or monitoring.

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- 46. Respondent shall not object to any use of any data gathered, generated, or evaluated by EPA, Ecology, or Respondent in the performance or oversight of any work which has been verified according to the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures required by this Order or any EPA-approved work plan or sampling and analysis plan, or which is contained in a report submitted by Respondent and approved by EPA under this Order. If Respondent objects to any use of any other data relating to the RD, Respondent shall submit a report to EPA which identifies and explains Respondent's objections, describes any proposed acceptable uses of the data, and specifically identifies any proposed limitations on the use of the data. This report must be submitted to EPA within fifteen (15) days after the quarterly progress report containing the data.
- If the Site areas that are to be used for access or are 47. within the scope of the RD, are owned in whole or in part by parties other than Respondent or the United States, Respondent shall obtain, or use its best efforts to obtain, written site access agreement(s) from the present owner(s) within 30 days of the effective date of this Order. Such agreement(s) shall provide access for EPA, its contractors and oversight officials, Ecology its contractors, and Respondent and its authorized representatives, and shall specify that Respondent is not EPA's representative with respect to any liability associated with activities required by this Order. Copies of all such agreements shall be provided to EPA prior to the initiation of any field

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activities. Respondent's best efforts shall, if necessary, include providing reasonable compensation to any property owner for access. If Respondent is unable to obtain access agreements with the time reference above, Respondent shall immediately notify EPA of it failure to obtain access. EPA may obtain access for Respondent, or perform tasks or activities under its own authority, or terminate this Order in the event Respondent cannot obtain access agreements. In the event EPA performs any tasks or activities and does not terminate this Order, Respondent shall perform all other activities not requiring such access, and shall reimburse EPA for all costs EPA incurs in performing any tasks or activities. Respondent shall integrate the results of any tasks or activities undertaken by EPA into Respondent's deliverables. Furthermore, the Respondent agrees to indemnify the United States for any liability arising out of the performance of any such tasks or activities by EPA to the extent set forth in paragraph 90 of this Order. Respondent shall also reimburse EPA for all costs and attorney fees incurred by the United States to obtain access pursuant to Paragraph 70 of this Order.

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#### XIV. DESIGNATED PROJECT COORDINATORS

48. Documents including reports, approvals, disapprovals, and other correspondence which must be submitted under this Order, shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addressees or to any other addressees which Respondent and EPA designate in writing:

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Four (4) copies of documents to be submitted to EPA 1 2 shall be forwarded to: 3 Peggy Justus, HW-113, U.S. EPA, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue 4 Seattle, WA 98101 5 One (1) copy of documents to be submitted to Ecology shall be forwarded to: 6 7 Kevin Godbout Washington Department of Ecology Industrial Section 8 PV-11 9 Olympia, Washington 98504 10 c. One (1) copy of documents to be submitted to the Natural Resource Trustees shall be forwarded to: 11 Chris Mebane (NOAA) 12 c/o EPA-Region 10 HW 113 1200 Sixth Avenue 13 Seattle, Washington 98101 14 Fred Gardner 15 Washington Department of Ecology PV-11 16 Olympia, Washington 98504-8711 Bill Sullivan 17 Environmental Programs Puyallup Tribe of Indians 18 2002 East 28th Street Tacoma, Washington 98404 19 Morgan Bradley 20 Muckleshoot Indian Tribe 21 Auburn, Washington 98002 22 David Frederick 23 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Division of Ecological Services 2625 Parkmont Lane SW 24 Olympia, Washington 98502 25 Documents to be sent to Respondent shall be forwarded d.

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Richard Gilmur
Port of Tacoma
P.O. Box 1837
Tacoma, Washington 98401

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- On or before the effective date of this Order, EPA and 49. Respondent shall each designate their own Project Coordinator. Each Project Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation this Order. possible, of To the extent communications between Respondent and EPA shall be directed to the Project Coordinators by mail, with copies to such other persons as EPA may designate. Communications include, but are not limited to, all documents, reports, approvals, and other correspondence submitted under this Consent Order.
- Prior to commencement of any activities at the Site, 50. shall submit Respondent the title, qualifications, name, experience, professional affiliations, and background, of the individual selected as Respondent's Project Coordinator to EPA in EPA and the Respondent each have the right to change writing. their respective Project Coordinator. The other party must be notified in writing at least 10 days prior to the change.
- 51. EPA's Project Coordinator shall have the authority lawfully vested in a Remedial Project Manager (RPM) and On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) by the NCP, and shall have the authority, in accordance with the requirements of the NCP, to halt any work required by this Order and to take any necessary response action when he or she determines conditions at the Site may present an imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or

welfare or the environment. The absence of the EPA Project Coordinator from the area under study pursuant to this Order shall not be cause for any stoppage or delay of any work.

52. EPA shall arrange for a qualified person to assist in its oversight and review of the conduct of the RD, as authorized by Section 104(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §.9604(a). The oversight assistant may observe work and make inquiries in the absence of EPA, but is not authorized to modify any work plan.

## XV. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

53. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this Order shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations. No local, state, or federal permit shall be required for any portion of any activity pursuant to this Order conducted entirely on-Site. Off-Site disposal of hazardous substances shall comply with all applicable provisions of CERCLA, RCRA, the implementing regulations respectively thereunder, and EPA guidances and policies.

XVI. RECORD PRESERVATION

54. All records and documents created by Respondent, or on Respondent's behalf, which relate in any way to the implementation of this Order, shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six (6) years after commencement of construction of any remedial action at the Site. After this six (6) year period, Respondent shall notify EPA at least ninety (90) days before any records are

scheduled to be destroyed. If EPA requests that the documents be saved, Respondent shall, at no cost to EPA, give EPA the documents or true and accurate copies of the documents.

#### XVII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

55. Any disputes concerning activities or deliverables required under this Order shall be resolved as follows: Respondent objects to any EPA notice of disapproval or requirement made pursuant to this Order, Respondent shall notify EPA's Project Coordinator in writing of its objections within 14 days of receipt of the disapproval notice or requirement. Respondent's written objection shall define the dispute, state the basis of Respondent's objections, and be sent certified mail, return receipt requested. EPA and Respondent have an additional 14 days from EPA's receipt of Respondent's notification to resolve the dispute. Ιf agreement is not reached within this 14 day period, Respondent may request a determination by EPA's Region 10 Superfund Branch Chief. determination The Chief's is final decision. Branch EPA's Respondent shall proceed in accordance with EPA's final decision regarding the matter in dispute, regardless of whether Respondent agrees with the decision. If Respondent does not agree to perform or does not actually perform the work in accordance with EPA's final decision, EPA reserves the right in its sole discretion to conduct the work itself, to seek reimbursement from the Respondent from the Respondent, to seek enforcement of the decision, to seek stipulated penalties, and/or to seek any other appropriate\_relief.

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56. Respondent is not relieved of its obligations to perform and conduct activities and submit deliverables in accordance with any schedules incorporated into or developed pursuant to this Order, while a matter is pending in dispute resolution. The invocation of dispute resolution does not stay stipulated penalties under this Order.

## XVIII. STIPULATED PENALTIES

- For each day that Respondent fails to complete a 57. designated deliverable in a timely manner, fails to produce a designated deliverable of acceptable quality to EPA, or otherwise fails to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Order, Respondent shall be liable for stipulated penalties in accordance with this Section. Penalties shall begin to accrue on the day that performance is due or a violation occurs, and extent through the period of correction. Where a revised submission by Respondent is required, stipulated penalties shall continue to accrue until a satisfactory deliverable is produced. EPA will provide written violations that notice for are not based on timeliness; nevertheless, penalties shall accrue from the day a violation commences, regardless of when or whether notice is provided. Payment shall be due within thirty (30) days after receipt of a demand letter from EPA.
- 58. Respondents shall pay interest on the unpaid balance, which shall begin to accrue at the end of the thirty (30) day period, at the rate established by the Department of Treasury

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pursuant to 30 U.S.C. § 3717. Respondent shall further pay a handling charge of one (1) percent, to be assessed at the end of each 31 day period, and a six (6) percent per annum penalty charge, to be assessed if the penalty is not paid in full within ninety (90) days after it is due.

59. Respondent shall make all payments by forwarding a check to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Superfund Accounting P.O. Box 371003M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251

Checks should state the name of the Site, the Site identification number, the account number, and the title and docket number of this Order. A copy of the check and accompanying transmittal letter shall be forwarded to the EPA Project Coordinator.

- 60. For the submission of draft and revised major deliverables described in Paragraph 25 of this Order, stipulated penalties shall accrue in the amount of \$500 per day, per violation, for the first seven (7) days of noncompliance; \$1,000 per day, per violation, for the eighth (8th) through fourteenth (14th) day of noncompliance; \$2,500 per day, per violation, for the fifteenth (15th) day through the thirtieth (30th) day; and \$5,000 per day, per violation, for the thirtieth (30th) day through the ninetieth (90th) day.
- 61. For the quarterly progress reports, and for any failure to perform in accordance with the requirements of this Order, stipulated penalties shall accrue in the amount of \$250 per day, per violation, for the first seven (7) days of noncompliance; \$500 per day, per violation, for the eighth (8th) through fourteenth

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(14th) day of noncompliance; \$2,000 per day, per violation, for the fifteenth (15th) day through the thirtieth (30th) day; and \$5,000 per day, per violation, for the thirtieth (30th) day through the ninetieth (90th) day.

- 62. Respondent may dispute EPA's right to the stated amount of penalties by invoking the dispute resolution procedures under Section XVII herein. Penalties shall accrue but need not be paid during a properly invoked dispute resolution period. If Respondent does not prevail upon resolution, all penalties shall be due within thirty (30) days after resolution of the dispute. If Respondent prevails upon resolution, no penalties shall be paid.
- 63. In the event EPA provides for corrections to be reflected in the next deliverable and does not require resubmission of the initial deliverable, stipulated penalties for the initial deliverable shall cease to accrue on the day of such decision by EPA.
- 64. If Respondent fails to pay stipulated penalties assessed under this Section, the stipulated penalties provisions of this Order do not preclude EPA from pursuing any other remedies or sanctions which are available to EPA because of the Respondent's failure to comply with this Order, including but not limited to conduct of all or part of the RD by EPA. Payment of stipulated penalties does not alter Respondent's obligation to complete performance under this Order.

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### XIX. FORCE MAJEURE

65. Force majeure, for purposes of this Order, is defined as any event arising from causes entirely beyond the control of Respondent or any entity controlled by Respondent, including Respondent's agents, consultants, contractors and subcontractors, which delays the timely performance of any obligation under this Order notwithstanding Respondent's best efforts to avoid such delay. The requirement that Respondent use best efforts to avoid the delay includes using best efforts to anticipate potential force majeure events and using best efforts to address the effects of any force majeure event (1) as it is occurring and (2) following the potential force majeure event, such that the delay is minimized to the greatest extent practicable. Examples of events that are not force majeure events include, but are not limited to, increased costs or expenses of any work to be performed under this Order, or the financial difficulty of Respondent to perform any such work.

66. If any event occurs or has occurred which may delay the performance of any obligation under this Order, regardless of whether caused by a force majeure event, Respondent shall verbally notify the EPA Project. Coordinator or, in his or her absence, the Chief of the Superfund Branch, EPA Region 10, within 48 hours after Respondent knew or should have known that any event might cause a delay. Within 7 thereafter, Respondent shall provide in writing the reasons for the delay; the anticipated duration of the delay; all actions taken or to be taken to prevent or minimize the delay; a schedule for the implementation of any measures to be \*taken to

mitigate the effect of the delay; and a statement as to whether Respondent believes the event may cause or contribute to an endangerment to public health, welfare or the environment. Respondent shall exercise best efforts to avoid or minimize any delay and any effects of any delay. Failure to comply with the above requirements shall preclude Respondent from asserting any claim of force majeure.

- 67. If EPA agrees that the delay or anticipated delay is attributable to force majeure, the time for performance of the obligations under this Order that are directly affected by the force majeure event shall be extended by EPA for a period not to exceed the actual duration of the delay attributed to the force majeure event. An extension of the time for performance of the obligation directly affected by the force majeure event shall not extend the time for performance of any other obligations.
- has been or will be caused by a force majeure event, or does not agree with Respondent as to the appropriate length of any extension due to force majeure, the issue shall be subject to the dispute resolution procedures set forth in Section XVII of this Order. In dispute resolution, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating by a preponderance of the evidence that the delay or anticipated delay has been or will be caused by a force majeure event, that the duration of the delay was or will be warranted under the circumstances, that Respondent did exercise or is exercising due diligence by using its best efforts to avoid and

mitigate the effects of the delay, and that Respondent has complied with all of the requirements of paragraph 65 above.

69. Should Respondent carry the burden set forth in Paragraph 66, the delay at issue shall be deemed not to be a violation of the affected obligation of this Order.

## XX. REIMBURSEMENT OF RESPONSE AND OVERSIGHT COSTS

70. Following the issuance of this Order, EPA shall submit to the Respondent on a annual basis an accounting of all response costs, including oversight costs, incurred by the United States which relate to the RD work under this Order. Such response costs may include, but are not limited to, costs incurred by the United in overseeing Respondent's implementation requirements of this Order, and activities performed by the United States as part of the RD and community relations, including any costs incurred to obtain access. Costs shall include all direct and indirect costs, including but not limited to, time and travel costs of EPA personnel and associated indirect costs, contractor cooperative agreement costs, compliance monitoring, including the collection and analysis of split samples, inspection of RD activities, Site visits, discussions regarding disputes that may arise regarding this Order, review and approval or disapproval of submissions, and costs of doing or redoing any of Respondent's tasks. Summaries, including EPA's certified Agency Financial Management System summary data (SPUR Reports), or such other summary as certified by EPA, shall serve as a basis for payment

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- 71. Respondent shall within thirty (30) days of receipt of each accounting, remit a certified or cashier's check for the amount of costs set forth in EPA's accounting. Interest shall accrue from the later of: the date payment of a specified amount is demanded in writing; or the date of the expenditure. The interest rate shall be the rate of interest on investments for the Hazardous Substances Superfund in Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a).
- 72. Checks should be made payable to the Hazardous Substances Superfund and should state the name of the Site, the Site identification number, the account number, and the title and docket number of this Order. Checks should be forwarded to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency EPA Region 10 Superfund Accounting P.O. Box 371003M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251

- 73. Copies of the transmittal letter and check should be sent simultaneously to the EPA Project Coordinator.
- 74. Respondent agrees to limit any disputes concerning costs to accounting errors and the inclusion of costs outside the scope of this Order. Respondent shall identify any contested costs and the basis of its objection in writing. All undisputed costs shall be remitted by Respondent in accordance with the schedule set forth above. Disputed costs shall be paid into an escrow account by Respondent while any such dispute is pending. Respondent bears the burden of establishing an EPA accounting error or the inclusion

of any cost outside the scope of this Order. Interest shall accrue during any cost dispute.

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#### XXI. RESERVATIONS OF RIGHTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF OTHER COSTS

- 75. EPA reserves the right to bring an action against Respondent under Section 107 of CERCLA; 42 U.S.C. § 9607, for recovery of all response costs incurred by the United States which are not reimbursed by Respondent, including past costs, oversight costs, any costs incurred in the event that EPA performs the RD or any part thereof, and any future costs incurred by the United States in connection with response activities under CERCLA at the Site.
- 76. EPA reserves the right to bring an action against Respondent to enforce any provision or requirement of this Order or any requirement developed pursuant to this Order, to enforce the cost reimbursement requirements of this Order, to stipulated penalties assessed pursuant to Section XVIII (Stipulated Penalties) of this Order, and to seek penalties pursuant to Section 109 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9609.
- Except as expressly provided in this Order, each party 77. reserves all rights and defenses it may have. Nothing in this Order shall affect EPA's response, enforcement or other statutory and/or regulatory authority, including the right to perform response activities or to seek injunctive relief, stipulated penalties, statutory penalties, and/or punitive damages.
  - 78. Following satisfaction of the requirements of this Order,

Respondent shall have resolved its liability to EPA for the work performed by Respondent pursuant to this Order. Respondent is not released from any liability, if any, for any response actions taken beyond the scope of this Order regarding removals, other operable units, remedial action of the Sitcum Waterway, or any activities pursuant to Section 121(c) of CERCLA, 42.U.S.C. § 9621(c).

XXII. DISCLAIMER

79. By signing this Order and taking actions under this Order, the Respondent is not concurring in EPA's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Furthermore, the participation of the Respondent in this Order shall not be considered an admission of liability and is not admissible as evidence against the Respondent in any judicial or administrative proceeding other than a proceeding by EPA or the United States to enforce this Order or any judgment relating to it. Respondent retains its rights to assert claims against other potentially responsible parties at the site. However, the Respondent agrees not to contest the validity or terms of this Order, or the procedures underlying or relating to it in any action brought by the United States, including EPA, to enforce its terms.

XXIII. OTHER CLAIMS

80. In entering into this Order, Respondent waives any right to seek reimbursement under Section 106(b) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606(b). Respondent also waives any right to present a claim under

Sections 111 or 112 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9611, 9612. Respondent further waives all other statutory and common law claims against EPA, including, but not limited to, contribution and counterclaims, relating to or arising out of conduct of the RD. This Order does not constitute any decision on preauthorization of funds under Section 111(a)(2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §.9611(a)(2).

- 81. Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership, subsidiary or corporation not a signatory to this Order for any liability it may have arising out of or relating in any way to the generation, storage, treatment, handling, transportation, release, or disposal of any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at, from, or taken to the Site.
- 82. Respondent shall not seek to recover any costs or attorneys fees from EPA or the United States with regard to any matter connected with implementation of this Order.

## XXIV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT

83. The effective date of this Order shall be the date it is signed by EPA. Except when expressly stated otherwise herein, all time periods referred to in this Order shall be construed as calendar days, rather than business or working days. Any time period scheduled to begin on the occurrence of an act or event shall begin on the day after the act or event. If the final day of any time period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday,

the time period shall be extended to the next day which is not a non- $\bar{f}$ inal day.

84. In addition to the procedures set forth elsewhere in this Order, this Order may be amended by agreement between EPA and Respondent. Amendments shall be in writing and shall be effective when signed by EPA. EPA Project Coordinators do not have the authority to sign any amendment to this Order.

85. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by EPA regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writing submitted by Respondent will be construed as relieving Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approval as may be required by this Order. Any deliverables, plans, technical memoranda, reports (other than quarterly progress reports) specifications, schedules and attachments required by this Order or developed pursuant to this Order, are, upon approval by EPA, incorporated in, and made an enforceable part of, this Order by this reference.

## XXVI. TERMINATION AND SATISFACTION

86. This Order shall terminate when either (1) Respondent demonstrates in writing and certifies to the satisfaction of EPA that all activities required by this Order, including any additional work, payment of all costs, and any stipulated penalties demanded by EPA, have been performed, and EPA has approved the certification set forth in paragraph 91 below; or (2) the obligation for any remaining work required by this Order is assumed

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under a different agreement with EPA that is in full force and Respondent's obligation to comply with Sections XVI effect. (Record Preservation), XX (Reimbursement of Response and Oversight Costs), and XXI (Reservations of Rights and Reimbursement of Other Costs), of this Order shall remain in full force and effect without time or other limitation.

87. following certification shall be signed by a responsible official on behalf of Respondent:

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the information contained in and accompanying this certification is true, accurate, and complete. Dated this 29th day of March, 1991.

For purposes of this Order, a responsible official is a corporate official in charge of a principal business function.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 29th day of Mark, 1991.

RESPONDENT hereby consents to the issuance of this ORDER,

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

By:

Philip G. Millam, Chief

Superfund Branch EPA Region 10

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RESPONDENT hereby consents to the issuance of this ORDER, and agrees to abide by each and every provision herein, and to perform each and every task or requirement herein.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE: 3/21/91

(NAME)

Title: Acting President

Port of Tacoma